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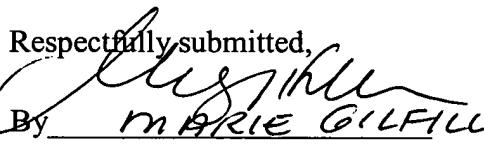
Claims 4, 7, 8, 12, 13 and 15 have been amended to remove proper and improper multiple claim dependency. The amendment is made to reduce filing fees and not for any other reason related to patentability of such claims.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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Respectfully submitted,

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